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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that immigration attorney Rex B. Wingerter, age 67, of McLean, Virginia, was sentenced today by the Honorable T.S. Ellis III, to four months in prison, six months in community confinement, and a \$70,000 fine for his role in an immigration fraud scheme.

Wingerter was the general counsel of Global Recruitment and Immigration Services, Inc., a Falls Church, Virginia, firm that assisted aliens in obtaining green cards to enter or remain in the United States. Global was owned by Naran S. Ivanchukov. On August 30, 2005, Ivanchukov and others pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit immigration fraud. During the course of the conspiracy, Global submitted hundreds of fraudulent immigration documents to the Departments of Labor and Homeland Security, among other federal agencies. On August 26, 2005, Wingerter pleaded guilty to misprision of felony for failing to notify authorities of the conspiracy and for taking steps to conceal the crime. To date, nine defendants have been convicted for their roles in the scheme.

The case was investigated by a team lead by special agents with the Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General, with the assistance of agents from the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of State's Office of Inspector General, and the Department of Homeland Security. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys James P. Gillis, John T. Morton, and Michael E. Rich.

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